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Q. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO THE EMBASSY'S OPERATION IF THERE ARE OTHER FOREIGNERS -- THAT IS, LOCAL NATIONALS INSIDE THE EMBASSY? DOES THIS INHIBIT ITS NORMAL OPERATION? CAN THEY DO THE WORK?

A. IT IS FUNCTIONING AND ON BACKGROUND IT CLEARLY HAS AT LEAST SOME INHIBITING EFFECTS, INCLUDING OUR ABILITY TO DEAL WITH CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OR MATERIAL.

Q. DO YOU HAVE A SECURE CHANNEL TO THE EMBASSY NOW?

A. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY.

Q. BUT WOULD YOU SPECIFY WHETHER THAT IS A SECURE CHANNEL-- ARE THE CODE FACILITIES WORKING?

A. NO. WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY. THAT IS THE BEST I AM GOING TO DO.

Q. YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE WORKING IT OUT WITH THE GOVERNMENT FORCES, BUT THEY ARE ALSO PROVIDING SECURITY. IT SEEMS TO SUGGEST THAT THEY OR YOU EXPECT SOME OPPOSITION.

A. I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY KIND OF FORECAST ON WHAT IS GOING TO OCCUR. DISCRETION SEEMS CLEARLY WARRANTED BY THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS.

Q. AND WHILE WE ARE ON THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORTED EXECUTIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE?

A. WE HAVE SEEN THOSE REPORTS. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FOR YOU ON THAT.

Q. MR. CARTER, ISN'T IT TRUE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CERTAIN OF OUR ALLIES HAVE EVIDENCE THAT AT LEAST TWO KEY MEMBERS OF KHOMEINI'S ENTOURAGE ARE SOVIET AGENTS AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS TO DESTABILIZE THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY THE SITUATION IN THE EMBASSY? AND, IS IT NOT TRUE THAT QADHAFI HAS BEEN FINANCING THE IRANIAN STUDENT

UNREST IN BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN AND THAT LIBYA HAS PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS TO KHOMEINI IN RECENT YEARS TO DESTABILIZE IRAN'S GOVERNMENT UNDER THE SHAH TO BRING ABOUT A LEFTIST OR MARXIST TYPE OF GOVERNMENT IN IRAN?

A. I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THOSE REPORTS THAT YOU HAVE JUST OUTLINED AND DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THEM. I SIMPLY HAVE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE.

OUR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE SOVIET CONTACTS GENERALLY IS THAT THE MAIN SOVIET CONTACTS HAVE BEEN WITH THE TUDEH PARTY, WHICH IS NOT THE SINGLE OR EVEN THE STRONGEST LEFT WING GROUPING IN IRAN.

BEYOND THAT GENERAL STATEMENT I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE OVERALL POLITICAL SITUATION.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON OTHER SOVIET ACTIVITIES?

A. I HAVE SEVERAL THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE. LET ME FIRST REPEAT AND EMPHASIZE THE AMERICAN POSITION ON THE SITUATION IN IRAN.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN IRAN IS A DOMESTIC AFFAIR OF THE

IRANIAN PEOPLE AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. THE FUTURE OF IRAN MUST BE DECIDED BY IRANIANS. THE UNITED STATES IS NOT INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THAT COUNTRY AND BELIEVES STRONGLY THAT NO OUTSIDE POWER SHOULD.

WE HAVE MADE THAT POSITION CLEAR BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY TO THE SOVIET UNION ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS. WE HAVE ALSO ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS PROTESTED TO THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT BROADCASTS WHICH INACCURATELY PORTRAY THE AMERICAN ROLE IN IRAN AND THE EVENTS WHICH ARE OCCURRING THERE. WE HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE TO UNSETTLE THE SITUATION IN IRAN STILL FURTHER.

AS RECENTLY AS TODAY AMBASSADOR [REDACTED] CONVEYED OUR VIEWS TO FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO ON THE SUBJECT ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY VANCE AND OBVIOUSLY BY DIRECT LINE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENT. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE SITUATION IN IRAN IS DELICATE AND HE INDICATED OUR DISMAY AND SURPRISE THAT SOVIET OFFICIAL MEDIA WOULD DISSEMINATE FALSE ACCOUNTS OF U.S. ACTIONS IN A WAY THAT COULD INCREASE THE DANGER TO AMERICANS IN IRAN. HE ALSO ASKED THE

SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER TO CONSIDER THE DAMAGING EFFECTS OF SUCH PROPAGANDA ON STABILITY IN IRAN AND ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.

I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT ON FEBRUARY 15TH THE EMBASSY'S PRESS AND CULTURAL COUNSELLOR IN MOSCOW DELIVERED AN ORAL PROTEST AT THE SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ABOUT THE TASS REPORT PRINTED IN PRAVDA ON FEBRUARY 15TH ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE SEIZURE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TEHRAN. THAT PROTEST STATED -- I AM NOW GOING TO QUOTE -- "THAT AT THIS TIME OF TENSION AND UNCERTAINTY IN IRAN THIS SORT OF TENDENTIOUS REPORT BY OFFICIAL ORGANS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS MOST UNHELPFUL AND DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER IN HIS MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 14TH HELD PRIMARILY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF OUR AMBASSADOR IN KABUL ALSO RAISED THE QUESTION OF THIS PARTICULAR EXAMPLE OF TENDENTIOUS REPORTING ON THE EVENTS SURROUNDING OUR EMBASSY.

Q. WAS THE TOON PROTEST TO GROMYKO SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THIS ARTICLE OR ABOUT THE WHOLE SERIES?

A. IT WAS ABOUT THAT ARTICLE. IT WAS ABOUT REPORTS ON MOSCOW BROADCASTING CHANNELS--THE KIND OF COMMENTARY WE HAVE BEEN SEEING IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.

Q. PRESENT AS WELL AS PAST?

A. YES.

Q. DO YOU THINK THAT THE SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN IRAN WAS RECENTLY A RETALIATION FOR THE CHINESE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE ANTI-SOVIET FEELING BY THE CHINESE?

A. WELL, I CANNOT COMMENT ON IMPULSE OR MOTIVATION.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT GROMYKO'S REACTION?

A. NO. HE WILL HAVE TO SPEAK TO THAT.

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Q. DOES THIS LATEST PROTEST INCLUDE BEING UPSET OVER A MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST LAST NIGHT WHICH CITED AT THE

HEAD OF THEIR NEWS BROADCAST A TWO DAY PARTY COMMUNIQUE RESTATING THAT KHOMEINI'S VICTORY IS ONLY THE FIRST STAGE TOWARDS EVENTUAL SOCIALIST VICTORY OF THE PEOPLE?

A. IN POINT OF FACT, THE LATEST NOTE WAS ENTRAINED BEFORE WE WERE AWARE OF THAT BROADCAST.

Q. WHAT WAS YOUR REACTION TO THAT BROADCAST?

A. AGAIN I WANT TO VERY CAREFULLY HOLD MY COMMENTARY HERE TO WHAT I HAVE ALREADY DESCRIBED. I DO NOT EVEN BY INFERENCE WANT TO DEAL WITH EVENTS IN IRAN, SPEAKING OF WHICH OUR AMBASSADOR HAS RELAYED TO THE GOVERNMENT IN IRAN OUR INTENTION TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THAT GOVERNMENT. THIS IS THE FORMAL DECLARATION THAT OUR RELATIONS DO CONTINUE AND HAS ASKED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER TO DISCUSS THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK OF THE GOVERNMENT IN TEHRAN.

Q. BUT WHAT I WAS GETTING AT IS WHETHER YOU SEE ANY SIGNIFICANCE IN THE APPARENT SHIFT IN THE SOVIET PUBLIC POSITION FROM OUTRIGHT SUPPORT OF KHOMEINI TO APPARENT PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT ATTACKED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. IN OTHER WORDS, OTHER GROUPS IN IRAN. IS THERE ANY SIGNIFICANCE HERE?

A. I AM NOT PREPARED TO TRY TO ANALYZE THE SOVIET INTENTIONS IN IRAN. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE ONE ASPECT OF WHAT OUR LATEST COMMUNICATION WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO SAY AND DID SAY AND THAT IS THE IMPLICATIONS THAT SOME OF THE NEWS REPORTING AND BROADCASTS INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION HAVE FOR THE STABILITY OF IRAN ITSELF, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANYTHING IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITED STATES' CITIZENS, THAT WE DO NOT THINK IT SERVES THE INTEREST OF IRANIAN STABILITY.

Q. IN YOUR STATEMENT BY TON YOU SAY THAT HE TOLD GROMYKO ABOUT THE DAMAGING EFFECTS ON U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS. DOES THAT INCLUDE SALT?

A. I THINK THIS STATEMENT IS GOING TO HAVE TO SPEAK FOR ITSELF. WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON SALT. I DON'T WANT TO FALL INTO THAT ONE.

Q. OKAY. BUT COULD YOU ELABORATE THAT A LITTLE BIT? I THINK IT IS FAIRLY SAID THAT SALT HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT IN

A SPECIAL CATEGORY. DOES IT REMAIN IN A SPECIAL CATEGORY? MEANING IT IS MOST IMMUNE OF ALL U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONSHIPS, MOST LIKELY TO BE IMMUNIZED FROM OTHER TENSIONS.

A. I AM NOT GOING TO REPLY TO THE QUESTION BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY FOR ME TO ESCAPE A LOUSY WAY TO BE WRITTEN. LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHAT I AM SAYING IS THAT WE INTEND TO PURSUE OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH A VIEW TOWARD CONCLUDING A SALT TREATY.

Q. BUT IS WHAT IS GOING ON IN IRAN MAKING THOSE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT TO PURSUE?

A. I THINK THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE. I JUST WILL SAY ON BACKGROUND IT OUGHT TO BE VERY CLEAR, AS WE HAVE SAID IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER EVENTS, THAT THINGS SUCH

AS THIS CANNOT HELP BUT AFFECT THE CLIMATE IN WHICH SUCH A TREATY MIGHT HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED WITHIN THE POLITICAL CONTEXT IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT IS A STATEMENT THAT IS A REPEAT OF A POSITION WE HAVE TAKEN BEFORE.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US IF THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH MR. GROMYKO THE EVENTS OF WEDNESDAY IN KABUL?

A. I LITERALLY DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.

Q. HAVE WE RECEIVED YET A REPORT FROM THE SOVIETS THAT WE ASKED FOR?

A. WE HAVE NOT.

Q. HAVE WE PROTESTED IN ANY WAY THE TASS ITEM YESTERDAY WHICH DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEATH OF THE AMBASSADOR?

A. I DON'T HAVE AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THAT. I WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT OUR POSITION, OUR BELIEF, HAS BEEN STATED, AND THAT WE STAND ON OUR PROTEST, AND ON OUR ASSERTIONS ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS IDENTIFIABLE SOVIET OFFICIALS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE AMBASSADOR'S DEATH.

Q. WHEN YOU STRESS YOUR CONCERN WITH THE IMPLICATIONS THAT SOME OF THESE NEWS REPORTS AND BROADCASTS FROM THE SOVIET UNION HAVE ON THE STABILITY OF IRAN ITSELF, DO YOU MEAN TO URGE US TO INFER THAT THESE BROADCASTS

CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN THE PROCESS IN IRAN?

A. I CANNOT SPEAK FOR HOW THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT MAY WISH TO CHARACTERIZE SUCH THINGS.

Q. DO YOU SO CHARACTERIZE THEM?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO TRY TO CHARACTERIZE ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT I HAVE SAID.

Q. THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF BROADCASTS GOING INTO IRAN--SOVIET BROADCAST, WESTERN, ETC. PUTTING ASIDE FOR A SECOND WHICH MAY END UP BEING A PHILOSOPHICAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE IMPACT OF BROADCASTS ON POLITICS, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT WHAT THE RUSSIANS ARE DOING IN IRAN THAT COULD CREATE DISMAY AND SURPRISE ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES? AND I AM ASKING YOU NOW TO PUT ASIDE TENDENTIOUS BROADCAST, PRAVDA ARTICLES, TASS DISPATCHES, ETC.

A. ARE YOU ASKING ME WHAT I HAVE ON ACTIVITIES BY THE SOVIET UNION OF A PHYSICAL, TANGIBLE SORT, RIGHT?

Q. ACTIVITIES IN IRAN THAT COULD BE TRACED TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT YOU CONSIDER DAMAGING TO THE POSSIBILITY FOR STABILITY IN IRAN.

A. I DON'T HAVE A LIST OF SPECIFICS TO OFFER FROM THIS PERIOD. I THINK THAT THE SITUATION IN IRAN HAS PROVED TO BE VOLATILE ENOUGH THAT COMMENTARY IN AND OF ITSELF ALLEGING CERTAIN KINDS OF ACTIVITIES IN THE WAKE OF THE ACCESSION TO POWER BY THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT, SUCH COMMENTARY IN ITSELF CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT UPON STABILITY IN THAT COUNTRY WITHOUT EVEN GOING INTO OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

I DON'T HAVE MUCH MORE TO SAY ABOUT THE SOVIET ACTIVITY INSIDE THAT COUNTRY EXCEPT THOSE THINGS THAT I HAVE

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ALREADY SAID, WHICH IS THE CONNECTION THAT WE KNOW OF BETWEEN ONE POLITICAL GROUPING AND THE SOVIET UNION.

Q. AREN'T THEY ALSO IN TOUCH WITH THE KHOMEINI PEOPLE? THEY HAVE RECOGNIZED THEM.

A. SO HAVE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.

Q. WHAT I AM TRYING TO GET FROM YOU IS SOMETHING ABOVE AND BEYOND A CONDEMNATION OF SOVIET BROADCAST.

A. I DONT HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO OFFER YOU, RIGHT NOW.

Q. BUT DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT YOU SIMPLY CANT PASS ON?

A. I WONT EVEN DEAL WITH ANY OTHER POSSIBILITIES. I THINK THIS IS THE EXTENT OF MY COMMENTARY AT THIS POINT.

Q. YOU SAID THAT THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE. THAT REALLY IS A STATEMENT OF POLICY AND INTENT. BUT IN PRACTICAL TERMS, HAVE THOSE NEGOTIATIONS SLOWED DOWN OR BEEN AFFECTED BY POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW WEEKS, AND DO YOU SEE THE PROSPECT OF A DELAY IN THIS PROCESS BECAUSE OF THESE POLITICAL EVENTS?

A. I HAVE NOTHING TO OFFER ON PROSPECTS, TO ANSWER YOUR FIRST QUESTION. I MEAN, I DONT HAVE ANYTHING TO OFFER BECAUSE I KNOW OF NOTHING. BUT, ON THE FIRST QUESTION, NO, IT HASN'T SLOWED IT DOWN OR DELAYED IT.

Q. IN THAT MEETING BETWEEN CHRISTOPHER AND DOBRYNIN THE OTHER NIGHT, SOVIET OFFICIALS ARE SAYING THAT CHRISTOPHER TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT CERTAIN U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE MOVED AROUND IN THE NORTHERN PART OF IRAN, AND THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD NOT BE ALARMED OR FEEL THREATENED BY THIS. IS THIS IN FACT THE CASE?

A. I DONT HAVE ANY COMMENTARY ON WHAT ELSE WAS SAID INSIDE THAT MEETING. I WOULD SAY ON BACKGROUND THAT U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE NOTED BEFORE WHERE MESSAGES OF THAT SORT WERE TRANSMITTED, AND THE BASIC PURPOSE OF THE CHRISTOPHER-DOBRYNIN MEETING THE OTHER NIGHT, THE BULK OF THE ENTIRE CONVERSATION, WAS IN FACT ON THE SUBJECT OF AMBASSADOR DUBS' DEATH.

Q. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT.

A. I AM JUST SAYING THAT THAT WAS NOT THE PURPOSE OF THAT MEETING. THAT IS NOT THE MESSAGE THAT WAS CONVEYED AT THAT MEETING.

Q. YES. I DONT THINK THEY SAY THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING.

A. I DONT HAVE A COMMENT ON ANYTHING EXCEPT THE TWO THINGS THAT I HAVE SAID THAT HE DISCUSSED.

Q. ARE THERE ANY HIGH LEVEL BUSINESS PLANS BY U.S. OFFICIALS WHICH ARE NOW BEING REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF THE DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS? THIS HAPPENED BEFORE LAST SUMMER.

A. I DONT HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT.

Q. TRYING TO GET A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHY YOU ARE VOLUNTEERING ALL THIS MATERIAL ON THE SOVIETS, PARTICULARLY, UNLESS I AM MISTAKEN, SINCE YOU DIDN'T TELL

US AFTER THE CHRISTOPHER MEETING THAT THERE WAS AN IRANIAN ELEMENT TO THAT CONVERSATION. WE THOUGHT IT WAS ALL INVOLVED WITH AFGHANISTAN. YOU CAN'T GIVE US SPECIFICS, BUT CAN YOU GIVE US A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHY YOU ARE PRESENTING THIS CATALOG OF COMPLAINTS NOW? HAVE THE BROADCASTS INTENSIFIED? HAVE YOU BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH THE SOVIET RESPONSE. HAVE THEY NOT TAKEN A PRIVATE MESSAGE, AND NOW YOU FEEL YOU HAVE TO GO PUBLIC? WHY ARE YOU STANDING IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS NOW AND REALLY RECITING A SERIES OF COMPLAINTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION? ARE THEY NASTIER THAN THEY WERE TWO DAYS AGO?

A. I THINK IT IS BECAUSE OF THE PATTERN OF EVENTS, THE REPEATED PATTERN OF EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEKS, AND THE PARTICULAR EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS IN THE FIELD ABOUT WHICH WE ARE PROTESTING.

A. I DONT HAVE ANY CHARACTERIZATION OF THEIR POLICY. THEY ARE THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, WHICH WE HAVE NOW SUGGESTED WE WISH TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS WITH.

Q. COULD YOU ELABORATE ON THE PATTERN OF EVENTS? THAT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME. THE QUESTION, AS I UNDERSTOOD IT, HAD TO DO WITH WHY ARE YOU TALKING THERE ABOUT SOVIET ACTIVITIES. NOW, YOU SAY PATTERN OF EVENTS. PATTERN OF EVENTS COULD BE READ AS MEANING BROADCASTS OF SOVIET MEDIA ACTIVITIES, OR IT COULD BE READ AS MEANING VARIOUS ARMED ATTACKS GOING ON INSIDE IRAN.

A. NO, I MEANT THE PATTERN OF EVENTS SIMILAR TO THE ONES WE HAVE BEEN PROTESTING ABOUT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS; I.E., THE BROADCASTS AND PRESS COMMENTARY.

Q. HAS ANY THOUGHT BEEN GIVEN IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND IN OUR GOVERNMENT, TO TAKE THIS ISSUE OF DISMAY

AND SURPRISE IN THE SOVIET MACHINATIONS IN WHATEVER FORM IN IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN NEW YORK AND PUT IN ON THE RECORD THERE FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE? OR DONT WE GO THAT FAR? ARE WE DEFENDING THE SOVIET UNION?

A. I THINK YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOME CONSTRUCTION OF A THREAT TO PEACE.

Q. ISN'T THIS A THREAT TO PEACE? WE TALK ABOUT STABILITY. A HERALD HAS BEEN KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN, OR AN AMBASSADOR. FOR CENTURIES, HERALDS HAVE BEEN HONORED, AND WE ARE BLAMING THE SOVIET UNION FOR IT, AND WE SAY IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

A. I WANT TO JUST REMIND YOU THAT IN OUR STATEMENT WE DID NOT SAY THAT WE BLAME THEM FOR THE DEATH. I MEAN, JUST FOR THE RECORD, I WANT TO MAKE THAT CLEAR. WE HAVE ASKED FOR A FULL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THEIR PEOPLE AND HAVE STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT THEY DID NOT HEED OUR REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION AND OTHER HELPFUL ACTIVITY AT THE TIME THE AMBASSADOR WAS SEIZED.

Q. DO YOU HAVE AN ASSESSMENT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TUDEH PARTY IN IRAN, HOW IT DEVELOPED IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS?

A. NO. I DONT HAVE ANY PARTICULAR INSIGHT TO OFFER YOU ON THAT.

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Q. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WHEN HE GETS BACK THIS AFTERNOON? IS IT POSSIBLE THAT HE WILL SEE AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN THIS WEEKEND TO CONTINUE THIS DIALOGUE?

A. IT IS POSSIBLE. I DONT HAVE ANYTHING ON HIS SCHEDULE RIGHT NOW. I AM NOT ARGUING AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY. I MEAN, I JUST DONT HAVE AN OFFICIAL SCHEDULE THAT I CAN OFFER YOU RIGHT NOW.

Q. WHAT I AM ASKING YOU IS, ARE YOU IN THE POSITION NOW OF AWAITING AN OFFICIAL EXPLANATION FROM AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH, SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS?

A. WE HAVE ASKED FOR THAT.

Q. DO YOU EXPECT SUCH AN EXPLANATION?

A. WE ASKED FOR IT. I MEAN, WE DIDN'T DO IT JUST FOR RHETORICAL PLEASURE.

Q. DO YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT A SOVIET OFFICIAL OR ADVISER WAS IN THE ROOM AT THE TIME THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS DISCOVERED DEAD?

A. I DONT RECALL THAT ONE.

Q. DO YOU HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFIC ROLE GOING BEYOND WHAT YOU GAVE US THE OTHER NIGHT ON THE SOVIET ADVISER AND THE SOVIET EMBASSY SECURITY OFFICER?

A. IN THE ABSENCE OF A REPORT BACK FROM THEM, I THINK I DONT HAVE ANYTHING MORE FOR THE RECORD ON THAT.

Q. ANYTHING FURTHER ON WHOSE BULLETS KILLED THE AMBASSADOR?

A. THE ANSWER IS NO. I DONT HAVE THE ANSWER YET.

Q. DOES THE AMBASSADOR'S FORMAL DECLARATION AMOUNT TO A FORMAL RENUNCIATION OF THE SHAH AS HEAD OF STATE?

A. IT RECOGNIZES THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS IN POWER IN IRAN, WHICH IS HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER BAZARGAN. THE ANSWER ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE SHAH IS, FRANKLY, FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN TO DECLARE.

Q. THEREFORE, WE RECOGNIZE THE RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND, IN EFFECT, RECOGNIZE THAT THE SHAH IS NO LONGER THE HEAD OF STATE.

A. WE RECOGNIZE THAT GOVERNMENT. THEY WILL HAVE TO SAY WHAT THE STATUS OF THE SHAH IS.

Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE RELATIONS WITH IRAQ AT THE MOMENT? HAVE WE MADE ANY CHANGE? THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE?

A. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS SAID THAT WE WOULD WELCOME A RESUMPTION OF FULL LEVEL OF RELATIONS. IRAQ HAS ALWAYS SAID THAT THE TIME DOESN'T SEEM TO BE RIGHT FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW AND WE CONTINUE TO HAVE INTEREST SECTION REPRESENTATION IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

Q. ARE YOU PLANNING FOR A SUNDAY EVACUATION, AS WELL? YOU HAVE TWO FLIGHTS ON SATURDAY. IS THERE ANYTHING BEYOND SATURDAY?

A. WE HOPE THEN TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THE PROCESS ON A REGULAR DAILY BASIS.

Q. 800 A DAY, IN THAT RANGE?

A. MAYBE MORE. I THINK THAT IS ALL I HAVE GOT ON IRAN. LET ME GO ON TO THE QUESTION OF AFGHANISTAN HERE.

ALL RIGHT. THIS IS THE PLANS FOR AMBASSADOR DUBS. THERE WILL BE CEREMONIES AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE AFTER THE PLANE ARRIVES AT 12:20 P.M. ON SUNDAY. SECRETARY VANCE WILL BE THERE AT ANDREWS. AS THE CASKET IS BROUGHT OFF THE AIRCRAFT AND TAKEN TO THE HEARSE THERE WILL BE FOUR RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES PLAYED, FOLLOWED BY THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND A 29-GUN SALUTE. WE UNDERSTAND THERE WILL ALSO BE REMARKS DELIVERED THERE.

AT ANDREWS THERE WILL BE A LARGE PRESS AREA WITH ALL THE STANDARD FACILITIES. THE CASKET WILL THEN BE TAKEN TO THE CHAPEL UNDER THE AMPITHEATER AT ARLINGTON, WHERE IT WILL LIE IN REPOSE, WITH A JOINT GUARD OF HONOR PRESENT. THE CHAPEL WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 8:00 TO 5:00 DAILY.

TUESDAY MORNING THE CASKET WILL BE BROUGHT TO MEMORIAL CHAPEL AT FORT MYER, LEAVING ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY AT ABOUT 9:00 A.M. THE CHAPEL SERVICE BEGINS AT 10:00 AND IT RUNS APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR. AFTER THE MEMORIAL SERVICE, THE CASKET WILL BE PLACED ON A CAISSON AND TAKEN TO ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY FOR BURIAL. THERE WILL BE A PRESS AREA AT THE CEMETERY. WE UNDERSTAND, EXCEPT FOR THE PRESS, ATTENDANCE AT THE GRAVESITE IS BY INVITATION ONLY. THERE WILL ALSO BE FOUR PRESS POSITIONS ALONG THE ROUTE.

NOW, ON THE QUESTION OF THE EVENTS THERE, WE DONT HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO OFFER ON THE QUESTION OF THE IDENTITY OF THE KIDNAPPERS OR THEIR MOTIVES. WE ARE CONTINUING OUR INVESTIGATION TO THIS ON MANY LEVELS, BUT I CANT GET INTO THE DETAILS YET. WE, OF COURSE, REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. WE DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING MORE, TO REPEAT MY ANSWER BEFORE, AS TO WHAT WEAPONRY OR SHOTS KILLED AMBASSADOR DUBS. WE HAVE ASKED THE AFGHANS FOR A FULL AND DETAILED REPORT ON

THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING HIS DEATH. WE HAVE, INDEED, INSTRUCTED OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL TO REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN TO PROVIDE US WITH FULL DETAILS OF ITS OWN INVESTIGATION. WE ARE AWAITING THE EMBASSY'S REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THAT INVESTIGATION.

THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY WAS, AT OUR LAST REPORT, ALL SAFE. OUR EMBASSY IS, OF COURSE, ON ALERT FOR SECURITY PROBLEMS AND REMAINS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

WE HAVE ASKED THE REGIONAL SECURITY SUPERVISOR FROM KARACHI TO VISIT KABUL TO REVIEW THE OVERALL SECURITY SITUATION. WE ARE AWAITING HIS REPORT.

Q. ANY PLANS TO INCREASE THE MARINE GUARD OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT OR DOES THAT DEPEND UPON THAT REPORT YOU'RE WAITING FROM THAT SECURITY MAN?

A. WE'RE WAITING FOR THAT NOW. I DONT HAVE ANYTHING.

Q. IS ANYONE BEING ADVISED TO STAY INSIDE OR ANYTHING?

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A. NO. GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE SITUATION, IT'S NOT THAT.

Q. THERE WAS A REPORT IN THE KNESSET, SOME HIGH ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAID THAT TURKEY WOULD BE THE NEXT COUNTRY TO UNDERGO A VIOLENT ANTI-WESTERN UPRISING. IS THAT THE VIEW ALSO OF THE UNITED STATES?

A. NO.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION NOW IN TERMS OF HOW THE SITUATION IN IRAN AFFECTS THE EVENTS IN TURKEY?

A. WE'VE GIVEN OUR OFFICIAL VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN TURKEY -- WHICH, IN ANY CASE, IS IN NO WAY ANALOGOUS TO IRAN -- AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO IT -- IN NO WAY ANALOGOUS TO IT. I MEAN THAT.

Q. YESTERDAY PRESIDENT GISCARD OF FRANCE GAVE US A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE CONDEMNED THE WAY IN WHICH WASHINGTON IS PLAYING THE CHINA CARD AND, WARNED AGAINST WASHINGTON'S PUSH FOR A NEW CAMP DAVID. NOW, SINCE WE CONSIDER FRANCE ONE OF OUR STRONGEST ALLIES AND SINCE THEY CONDEMNED YESTERDAY A LARGE PORTION OF

OUR FOREIGN POLICY, DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY RESPONSE TO THAT?

A. HARD AS THIS MAY BE TO BELIEVE, WE DON'T HAVE HIS FULL TEXT IN HAND. AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THAT AND TRYING TO RELY ON THE NEWS REPORTS IN WHICH THE WASHINGTON POST CONSIDERED IT TO BE A FAR MORE SENSATIONAL MATTER THAN THE NEW YORK TIMES -- AND, INDEED, THE COVERAGE GAVE YOU DIFFERENT IDEAS OF WHAT WAS SAID -- I FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COMMENT AT THIS TIME.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO HIS PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN, AFRICAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES?

A. NO, NO. THAT, OF COURSE, IS SOMETHING WHICH HE CAN PURSUE. I HAVE NO COMMENT ON THAT ONE.

Q. DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE --

A. WHAT?

Q. DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT HAVE A RESPONSE, ONCE YOU HAVE A FULL TEXT?

A. I DON'T KNOW. WE DON'T ORDINARILY COMMENT ON SPEECHES BY LEADERS OF FOREIGN NATIONS.

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE IDEA AS TO WHETHER THE PEOPLE IN ISFAHAN ARE STILL LEAVING OVERLAND?

A. OVERLAND? I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NEW ON THAT AT ALL. OUR REPORTS ARE THAT IT IS RELATIVELY STABLE THERE.

Q. AND ANYTHING ON WHETHER THEY ARE HAVING ANY KIND OF GUARD WITH THEM IN THEIR TRAVEL TO TEHRAN?

A. I DON'T HAVE MUCH MORE ON THE SITUATION IN ISFAHAN RIGHT NOW.

Q. IN VOTING AGAINST THE UN COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL THE OTHER DAY, DID THE U.S. DECIDE ALSO TO CONDEMN THE COMMISSION'S SUGGESTION OR STATEMENT THAT SYSTEMATIC TORTURE IS

PRACTICED BY ISRAEL?

A. HE VOTED AGAINST THAT.

Q. YES. I KNOW HE VOTED AGAINST THAT, BUT I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THE LANGUAGE.

A. I DON'T HAVE THE LANGUAGE IN FRONT OF ME, BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS THAT I KNOW WE DID BESIDES OUR FINAL VOTE WITH I THINK TWO OTHER NATIONS. WE AND ISRAEL WERE DENIED A SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. OUR DELEGATE PROPERLY POINTED OUT THAT BY PRESSING FOR AN IMMEDIATE VOTE AND CLOSING DEBATE THEREAFTER THE COMMISSION DENIED ISRAEL THE RIGHTFUL OPPORTUNITY TO DEFENSE ITSELF A SECOND TIME.

THE UNITED STATES WAS DISAPPOINTED AT THE DEPARTURE FROM THE NORMAL PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS AND WE'RE ALSO DISAPPOINTED THAT SO MANY MEMBERS DID NOT SUSTAIN THE NORMAL PROCEDURE IN THE FACE OF SUCH SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS. VANCE

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